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## Abstract

### **Determinants of Syrian Foreign Policy towards Iran through the last three decades (1979-2009)**

The main objective of the present study is to analyze the determinants of the Syrian foreign policy towards Iran during the past three decades (1979-2009). The researcher adopted analytical and historical approaches to examine some areas of agreement as well as controversial issues in the Syrian-Iranian relations. The conclusions drawn can be summarized as follows. **First**, the Syrian-Iranian relations have developed steadily since the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979. This is due to the changes in power balance in the region because of Egypt-Israel Camp David Peace treaty and Iraqi-Syrian strained relations.

**Second**, the collapse of the Baathist regime in Iraq represented the beginning of the siege and attack of the Rouge states, in the United States, terms; Iran and Syria. This led both countries to ally and enhance their ideological, security and economic relations and coordination with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

**Third**, In spite of the solid Iranian-Syrian relations, there are some controversial issues between the two countries, concerning the Syrian-Israeli peace talks, the Iraqi Issue, the Iranian invasion of the Emirate islands, and the 1991 Damascus Declaration.

**Fourth**, it is noted that the American Administration, particularly under Barak Obama, is trying to undermine the Syrian-Iranian alliance by stimulating the former.

**Fifth**, there are several, possible scenarios for the future of the Syrian-Iranian relations. However it is more likely that the American-Syrian cooperation will persist along with the Syrian-Iranian collaboration. This entails .

**Key word:** Determinants of Syrian Foreign Policy towards Iran, Bashar al-Asad, Controversial issues in the Syrian-Iranian relations. That the Former will not impact the latter and vice versa.

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